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1. DURING RECEPTION LAST EVENING, BOTH AMBASSADOR AND DCM HAD BRIEF OPPORTUNITY CHAT WITH PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG PIL ON ROK-JAPANESE RELATIONS. WE URGED EXPEDITIOUS EFFORT TO SETTLE CURRENT DISPUTE NOW THAT ISSUES NARROWED DOWN. AMBASSADOR TOLD PRIME MINISTER THAT, BASED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH TOGO, HE PERSUADED JAPANESE SINCERE IN RECOGNITION OF NEED FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO CONTROL CHOSENSOREN. HE SUGGESTED THAT RATHER THAN QUIBBLE ABOUT NUANCES OF A FEW WORDS, CRITICAL FACTOR IS JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT ANY ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT.

2. PRIME MINISTER WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF U.S. EFFORTS WITH JAPAN. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT U.S. HAD PUT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON JAPANESE AND NOW IS TIME FOR KOREANS TO MAKE MOVES TO ACHIEVE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ELEMENTS IN JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL CIRCLES SYMPATHETIC TO KOREAN PROBLEMS AND IT IS IMPORTANT
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TO STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND. PRIME MINISTER OVBIOUSLY

UNDERSTOOD THESE POINTS.

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